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## HILLSMAN IS BAILED

Young Farmville Excursionist Goes to the Hustings Court.

### BEAT PEACE-MAKER BADLY

Man Tried to Stop Fight at Negro Dance—In Hospital Now.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, VA., April 6.—Joel Hillsman, the young Farmville man, who was arrested here Monday on the charge of cutting Robert Connelly, a liveryman of Blackstone, was before Mayor Jones today.

Hillsman, through his counsel, Hon. W. D. McIlwaine, waived examination, and the case was certified to the Hustings Court. The accused was later bailed by Judge Mullen in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the April term of the court. Mr. W. M. Rucker, of the Rucker Dry Goods Company, became surety, and young Hillsman, in company with his brother, who has remained with him since the occurrence Monday night, left for Farmville.

Hillsman is engaged in business in Farmville, and claims that the cutting was done in self-defense. He claims that Connelly had him down on the floor of the train, and with others was punning him about the body, when he drew his knife and used it. He difficulty to get to have followed alleged rudeness of the part of Connelly toward a girl friend of Hillsman.

PEACEMAKER BEATEN. William Austin, the negro charged with shooting Cephas Dinkins, in Dinwiddie county, Monday night, was arrested today and is now in the Petersburg jail awaiting the outcome of Dinkins's wound. The victim is being treated at the Home for the Sick in Petersburg, and is expected to recover.

An eye witness states that Dinkins was shot during a free-for-all fight at his home, in which Austin was endeavoring to act as peacemaker. Whiskey flowed freely at the Dinkins house, and a number of the guests at a dance in progress became intoxicated. In the resultant fight Austin was knocked down by Dinkins, who with his two sons piled upon the peacemaker and proceeded to beat him. At this time a pistol was fired and Dinkins received a bullet in the stomach. Austin claims that in a scuffle for the pistol it was discharged accidentally. William Bolling likewise received a bullet in his leg.

DR. HUNTER'S LOSS. Alfred Scott, colored, charged with setting fire to lumber belonging to the Seward Trunk and Bag Company, was examined in the Mayor's Court today, and

ordered held for the action of the Hustings Court.

A fire of incendiary origin last night destroyed the stable of Dr. J. M. Burke, situated back of his residence in Washington Street. Dr. Burke and family were away from home at the time, but the fire was discovered in time to save the horse, carriage, buggy and harness. The loss is about two hundred dollars. Tramps are suspected to have fired the building.

Several hours later fire destroyed the residence of Adolphus Green, colored, on St. Mathew Street. The origin of the fire was a defective flue, and none of the furniture was saved. The loss, about \$200, was covered by insurance. The fire was communicated to nearby buildings, but good work on the part of the fire department prevented further damage.

M. J. Dwyer, of Richmond, middle-weight champion of the world and John Hanson, of Pennsylvania, known as the "Terrible Turk," are matched to wrestle at the Petersburg Academy of Music Monday night.

A pretty home wedding occurred this evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mary Douglas Marks, when her daughter, Miss Estelle Ruffin Marks, became the wife of Mr. John C. Armstrong, of Petersburg. The marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Oscar Bunting, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The maid of honor was Miss Alice Marks, sister of the bride; the best man was Mr. George Armstrong, of Lynchburg, Va., brother of the groom. The bride is an accomplished young lady and the groom is a well known young traveling salesman.

This morning at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Nora D. Williams, daughter of Mr. Charles Williams, was married to James H. Pettus. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. George E. Booker.

### WILL RAISE RENTS.

Ettricks Soon to be Incorporated.

### Living More Expensive.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ETTRICK, VA., April 6.—The owners of the cotton mill property here are having all tenement houses which are very old and dilapidated, thoroughly overhauled and put in first class repair, after which they will charge considerably more rent. It is the object of the managers to make the rent to correspond with the rents of the Petersburg tenements, as it is proposed to incorporate the town of Ettrick as soon as possible. The owners of the Pocahontas Cotton Mill propose enlarging their plant this summer by the addition of another large building and new, up-to-date machinery.

### Looking for Husband.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., April 6.—Mrs. J. S. Young, of Lynchburg, was in the city today looking for her husband, who left her last week. She says he told her he was coming to Roanoke, and if she did not hear from him in three days something had happened. She is only nineteen years of age, and was married to Young in Franklin county seven months ago.

He is a widower, thirty-six years of age, and left two children by his first wife with her.

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## VICTIM OF ROOSEVELT

Postmaster-General Payne at Old Point, Broken in Health.

### WILL RESIGN VERY SOON

Friends Fear He Will Never be Well—His Prestige Gone.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—Postmaster-General Henry Clay Payne left to-night for Old Point, accompanied by Mrs. Payne, her guest, Miss Jones, and a maid.

It is the intention of the Postmaster-General to remain at the Virginia resort for at least three weeks, which are to be weeks of absolute rest, during which he will not devote any time whatever to the cares of office or politics. It is said that he will resign his seat in the Cabinet at the end of his vacation, and that he will also give up the position of vice-chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Mr. Payne is in very bad health. Some of his closest friends do not think he will ever again be fully restored to strength. He has been in falling health for two years, and instead of growing better in the course of the past two months, during which he has rested absolutely, he has grown worse.

### Wouldn't Let Him Go.

Mr. Payne has tried to leave the Cabinet three times since he entered it, but each time he has yielded to the urgent insistence of Mr. Roosevelt, and retained his portfolio. He is regarded by the President and the country as the political member of the Cabinet, and it was feared by Mr. Roosevelt that the resignation of Mr. Payne would cause the rank and file of the voters to think the Executive was not in accord with his party, and that the machine was against him.

The administration of Mr. Payne will be memorable, because of the frauds unearthed in the department during his incumbency of the position of Postmaster-General. His friends say that the duties which Mr. Roosevelt put upon him as the political adviser of the administration prevented the head of the department acquainting himself with postal affairs, and that this fact explains in great part the corruption and fraud which have been discovered in the department. The President, possessed of the one idea to insure his nomination to the presidency, did not give his subordinate time to learn the duties of his office, and all sorts of crookedness resulted.

### Bears All the Blame.

The Postmaster-General had to bear the blame, and the President, in whose in-

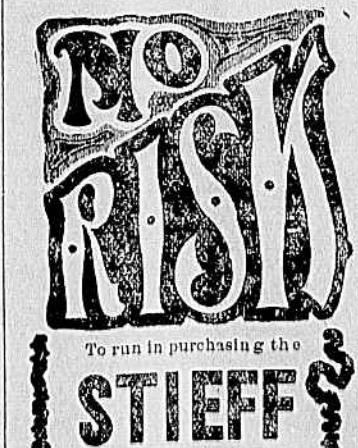
terest he sacrificed himself, is held up before the country as the "honest" head of the government, the moral foe of the grafter and political crook. Payne is being criticised by men of his own party for having allowed the report to go to Congress which named many members of Congress as guilty of improper practices, and, although he showed in a letter given to the press last week, that he was not guilty of any indiscretion in the matter, the warmest friends of Mr. Roosevelt in Congress are the bitter enemies of Postmaster-General Payne.

Broken in health and out of favor with the leaders of his own party, a victim of the selfishness of his chief who did not allow him to resign the portfolio of his office when he wished, and would not allow him the time in which to learn his duties, Mr. Payne might well say, paraphrasing Shakespeare, that "Had I served Theodore Roosevelt, I would not be left naked to the assaults of mine enemies."

### NARROW ESCAPE OF WELL KNOWN MAN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MINERAL VA., April 6.—Mr. J. P. Clark, superintendent of the Louisa Telephone Company, while attempting to board the Chesapeake and Ohio west-bound passenger train here to-day, slipped and was violently thrown to the ground, receiving painful, though not serious, injury. Had it not been for his remarkable presence of mind in drawing his limbs from the train he would have been crushed to death.



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## RICHMOND TO SPREAD OUT

Interest in the Workings of the Anderson Annexation Law.

### THE CRENSHAW RESOLUTION

It Proposes to Take in Territory in Southwest Section—Barton Heights.

The first proposition to annex territory adjacent to Richmond, under the provisions of the Anderson act is that offered in the Council the other night by Mr. Crenshaw, of Clay Ward, and it contemplates taking in that portion of southwestern suburbs lying south of Ashland Street on the west side of the Boulevard. It is said that the citizens of this territory are anxious to come in and it is believed that the annexation will take place shortly. Under the law, the tax rate cannot be raised until five years after the annexation and meanwhile the revenues derived from the annexed territory are to be expended there.

Richmond is destined to grow rapidly under the new law.

Barton Heights, with a population of 12,000 may come in shortly. A meeting to discuss this subject will be held over there to-night.

### BOUNDARIES DEFINED.

The exact provisions of the Crenshaw resolution are as follows: Beginning at a point on the corporation line in the centre of Ashland Street, west of Randolph Street, thence westwardly along the centre line of Ashland Street to a point opposite the intersection of the eastern line of the Shields' Grove property, thence southwardly along the east line of the Shields' Grove property to the plan of River View, thence westwardly along the southern line of the Shields' Grove property (which is the northern boundary of J. H. Dooley's property) to a point which is the northwest corner of J. H. Dooley's property, thence southwardly along the western line of said J. H. Dooley's property to its intersection with the city's Reservoir property, thence northwardly along the western boundary of said Reservoir property to Blandon Avenue, thence northwardly along the western line of Blandon Avenue to its intersection with Tabb Street, thence northwardly along the western line of Tabb Street to the centre line of Beverly Street, thence eastwardly along the centre line of Beverly Street to its intersection with the western line of the Boulevard, thence northwardly along the western line of the Boulevard to the south side of Grove Avenue.

Judge Goodrick for Mayor.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 6.—Judge John T. Goodrick, Commonwealth's

attorney of this city, has announced that he will be a candidate for mayor of this city in the election to take place on Tuesday, June 14th. Major Thomas P. Wallace is also a candidate, having announced himself some weeks ago.

The remains of Mr. Robert Pritchett, a young man of Spotsylvania county, arrived here to-day from Prudens, West Virginia, where he was accidentally killed yesterday in a mine while at work. He was a son of Mrs. Adeline Pritchett, of Spotsylvania county, to whose home the remains were taken for interment.

Fish are becoming more plentiful and many varieties are now brought to this market daily. The prices are lower than they have been.

### WHISKEY MEN HAPPY.

Judge West, of Emporia Court, Grants Licenses to All Applicants

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

EMPORIA, VA., April 6.—Judge West, of the Circuit Court, in session here yesterday, granted liquor license to every man who applied for same. Already Emporia and Belfield had an even dozen bar-rooms in existence, but this number was increased yesterday, when a Belfield citizen was granted a license to conduct a retail business. A great many of the whiskey dealers were exceedingly uneasy about Judge West renewing their licenses, but when he, with a stroke of the pen, satisfied them, there was much rejoicing. Here Judge West was a staunch prohibitionist, and, to emphasize this statement, refused to grant any whiskey license at all in Sussex, his own county. Just why this distinction was made no one seems able to explain.

### EXCHANGED SHOTS.

Louisa Robbers Used the Same

### Tools Second Time.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LOUISA, VA., April 6.—The outside door of the large iron safe in the post-office was blown off by burglars this morning about 1:30 o'clock. Dynamite or nitro-glycerine was supposed to have been used.

They were frustrated in their scheme of robbing the safe by Mr. W. M. Perkins, who was awakened by the explosion, and who fired two shots at them with his gun, loaded with buckshot. The burglars fired four times at Mr. Perkins. Nothing was taken from the store, and the contents of the safe was intact. It is thought that the robbers are not amateurs. This is the second attempt to blow open this safe in the past five months.

The same tools were used as on the preceding time, they being taken from Joe Reynolds's blacksmith shop near the depot.

No clue to the robbers has yet been discovered.

### NEGROES TRY TWICE

TO LYNCH A NEGRO

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, VA., April 6.—Finley Preston, a negro, who is under sentence to be hanged in Johnson county, Tenn., having narrowly escaped being lynched by a mob of his own color, was hurried to Knoxville to-day for safe keeping. Preston was convicted of the murder of Lillian Shaw, a mulatto woman, whose body was cut into quarters, then burned. The negroes of Johnson county have made two attempts to lynch Preston since he confessed to having committed the crime of murder.

## SAYS BOERS ARE HAPPY

General Cronje, at Newport News, Discusses Conditions in South Africa.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., April 6.—General Cronje was interviewed on board the ship, the services of an interpreter being necessary, as the Boer leader understands only a few words of English.

"What are the conditions existing in South Africa to-day? Are the Boers prospering? Have they fully accepted British rule and are they happy?" were some of the questions asked of the General.

"The spirit of peace and industry has settled over the land," interpreted the intermediary. "Every one has his farm back and the people are now at work cultivating them. Like in all countries at the close of a war, there are some dissatisfied spirits, but the great majority of people are reconciled and happy. The security of sheep and cattle is the great setback that the country has received since the war."

THREE BROTHERS MARRY and it will take years to recover from this."

Here the General was besieged by a number of ladies asking for his autograph. Good humoredly protesting that they asked too much, he retired to the cabin to accommodate them.

### THREE PRETTY SISTERS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ETTRICK, VA., April 6.—Mr. James Andrews and Miss Laura Bain, daughter of Mrs. Mollie Bain, were married by Rev. G. E. Booker yesterday evening. This is the third of three brothers to marry one of three sisters. There is one more brother and one more sister left, and it is confidently expected they will marry when a little older.

The spoke and rim factory, which was burned a few weeks since, is being rebuilt on a larger and improved scale, and will soon be in operation again.

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